

1 What is claimed is:

2 1. A hybrid interpolation method comprising:

3 a simple interpolation algorithm;

4 a complex interpolation algorithm that requires a larger number of operations but
5 provides a better performance than said simple interpolation algorithm;

6 prediction means that predicts an appropriate interpolation algorithm, which provides a
7 high quality image with a minimum processing time, for a new pixel to be interpolated;
8 and

9 performing means that chooses either said simple interpolation or said complex
10 interpolation according to said prediction means and performs interpolation for said new
11 pixel.

12 2. A hybrid interpolation method comprising:

13 a plurality of interpolation algorithms that vary in complexity and performance;

14 prediction means that predicts an appropriate interpolation algorithm, which provides a
15 high quality image with a minimum processing time, for a new pixel to be interpolated;

16 and

17 performing means that chooses one of said plurality of interpolation algorithms
18 according to said prediction means and performs interpolation for said new pixel.

19 3. A hybrid interpolation method comprising:

20 a plurality of interpolation algorithms that vary in complexity and performance;

21 a plurality of prediction means that predict an appropriate interpolation algorithm, which
22 provides a high quality image with a minimum processing time, for a new pixel to be
23 interpolated; and

1 performing means that chooses one of said plurality of interpolation algorithms
2 according to said plurality of prediction means and performs interpolation for said new
3 pixel.

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